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TAGS: XF, BA, US
SUBJECT: AMIR OF BAHRAIN BRIEFED ON SECRETARY'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP

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1. I BRIEFED AMIR AUGUST 16 ALONG LINES OF REFTTEL.
STRESSED TO AMIR THAT PRINCIPAL OBJECTIVES OF TRIP -- TO

STEP UP PACE OF CONTACTS AND TO ADD CONCRETENESS TO EXCHANGES -- HAD BEEN ACHIEVED. PARTIES HAD AGREED TO MEET AGAIN WITH SECRETARY IN SEPTEMBER IN NEW YORK, AT FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL, AND HAD RESPONDED FAVORABLY TO OUR URGING THAT FOREIGN MINISTERS BE PREPARED AT THAT TIME TO BE AS SPECIFIC AND DETAILED AS POSSIBLE ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES INVOLVED IN A SETTLEMENT. I TOLD AMIR THAT OUR POSITIONS ON CORE ISSUES REMAIN AS PRESIDENT AND SECRETARY HAVE STATED THEM AND THAT ARAB LEADERS SECRETARY HAD MET HAD BEEN ASSURED THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THESE POSITIONS. AMIR WAS PLEASED TO HEAR OF OUR VIEWS ON HANDLING PLO PARTICIPATION IN PEACE TALKS SINCE THEY ACCORD CLOSELY WITH HIS OWN FEELING THAT PLO MUST BE MESHED WITH OTHER ARAB DELEGATIONS IN ORDER HARNESS WHAT HE SEES AS PLO CAPABILITY FOR DISRUPTING ARAB STATES' PURSUIT OF THEIR OWN BEST INTERESTS.

2. AMIR WAS PLEASED TO HEAR THAT TRIP WAS MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE THAN MEDIA HAVE INDICATED. HE SAID HE FELT THAT PRESIDENT ASAD HAD REJECTED WORKING GROUP IDEA BECAUSE IT HAD BEEN SURFACED BY EGYPT AND HE WAS VERY PLEASED TO LEARN THAT ASAD NEVERTHELESS WAS VERY MUCH ON BOARD FOR CONTINUING CLOSE CONTACTS WITH USG IN NEW YORK NEXT MONTH. AMIR WAS QUICK TO GRASP THAT PERHAPS MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR POSITION (PARA 9 REFTTEL) IS THAT WE HAVE OPPOSED ISRAELIS BY AGREEING WITH ARABS THAT SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS SHOULD BE MADE BEFORE
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GENEVA. CONCERNING NEW YORK TALKS, AMIR SAID HE HOPED FELLOW ARABS HAVE "ENOUGH SENSE" TO MEET AT SUMIT OR AT LEAST FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL BEFORE NEW YORK IN ORDER COORDINATE THE DETAILS THEY WILL PRESENT TO SECRETARY AND, MOST IMPORTANTLY IN HIS VIEW, TO SETTLE ISSUE OF PLO PARTICIPATION IN FASHION WHICH WILL LEAVE PLO NO OPTION BUT TO AGREE OR BE SHUT OUT.

3. AMIR WAS GRATEFUL FOR BRIEFING; IT WAS FIRST HE HAS HAD ON RESULTS OF TRIP. HE WAS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TRIP'S BOTTOM LINE -- SUCCESS OR FAILURE -- BECAUSE OF NEGATIVE REPORTS IN INTERNATIONAL AND AREA MEDIA AND HE WAS VERY

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RELIEVED TO HEAR THAT SECRETARY FELT HE HAD MADE MENAINFUL
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PROGRESS. AMIR AGREED THAT TIME HAS COME, INDEED IS OVERDUE,
WHEN PARTIES SHOULD BE SPECIFIC AND EXPRESSED HIS HOPE THAT
CONFRONTATION ARABS WOULD BE NOT ONLY SPECIFIC BUT REASONABLE.
HE SAID HE FELT THAT JERUSALEM ISSUE WAS ONE WHICH WILL
REQUIRE MUCH OF ARABS SINCE IT ONE ON WHICH ARABS DO NOT
HAVE AMERICAN SYMPATHY. HE SAID HE READ RECENT STSTEMENTS
FROM AMMAN TO MEAN THAT PERHAPS JORDAN IS BEGINNING TO EDUCATE
ARABS TO IDEA THAT "OPEN CITY" IS BEST THEY CAN GET. HE
SAID HE WAS PLEASED TO HEAR PRESIDENT CARTER'S MOST RECENT,

POST-TRIP STATEMENTS ABOUT BASIC U.S. POSITIONS, WHICH I
HAD PROVIDED TO HIM, AND PRESIDENT'S STATED WILLINGNESS TO
BE CRITICIZED BY "SOME QUARTERS" FOR THESE POSITIONS WAS
HEARTENING. AMIR SAID HE HOPED ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES WOULD
UNDERSTAND THAT THIS U.S. EFFORT MAY BE THEIR LAST CHANCE
AND THAT THEY MUST DO MORE TO HARNESS PLO AND GET THE PEACE
WHICH ARABS NEED.
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